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SUBJECT: U.S. COFFEE COMPANIES ANNOUNCE VOLUNTARY BOYCOTT

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1. FOLLOWING FOLGER COFFEE'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR
SUSPENSION OF PURCHASES OF UGANDAN COFFEE (REFTEL), GENERAL
FOODS (MAXWELL HOUSE), NESTLES AND HILLS BROTHERS ANNOUNCED
THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THEY ARE SUSPENDING ALL PUR-
CHASES OF UGANDA COFFEE. THESE FOUR COMPANIES CONSTITUTE
THE MAJOR U.S. PURCHASERS OF UGANDAN COFFEE.

2. REQUEST BONN SHARE THE FOREGOING WITH THE FRG FOREIGN
OFFICE FOR TRANSMISSION TO THEIR EMBASSY IN KAMPALA. IF
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THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD ASK AMBASSADOR FROEWIS
FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THIS ACTION BY THESE COMPANIES, HE
SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS; THE BOYCOTT IS VOLUN-
TARY IN NATURE AND IS IN RESPONSE TO THE NON-BINDING
RESOLUTION ADOPTED MAY 16 BY THE HIRC; THE ADMINISTRATION
DOES NOT SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION TO IMPOSE AN EMBARGO ON
UGANDA WHICH HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE CONGRESS; NONE-

THELESS THE ADMINISTRATION VIEWS THIS ACTION BY THE U.S.
COFFEE COMPANIES AS CLEAR REFLECTION OF AMERICAN PUBLIC
SENTIMENT AGAINST THE RECORD OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN
UGANDA. VANCE

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